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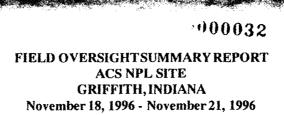
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USEPA/ARCS V BVSPC Weekly Field Oversight Summary

Reporting Period: November 18 - November 21, 1996

BVSPC Project No. 71670

Site Name/Location: ACS, Griffith, IN

Hours Worked:

<u>51</u>

USEPA Work Assignment Manager: Sheri Bianchin

Project Coordinator: Steve Mrkvicka

Personnel Summary Affiliation	No. of Personnel	Responsibility
Dave Pieczynski, Phil Smith, Clayton Heffter Montgomery Watson Addison, Illinois	3	Field Sampling Personnel
John Hurtonbach Montgomery Watson Madison, Wisconsin	1	Field Sampling Personnel
Young's Environmental	4	Installation of natural gas line to the treatment building
Horizontal Technologies	3	Excavation of PCB soils along the PGCS trench alignment
Ashok Rupani Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp. Chicago, Illinois	1	USEPA Oversight Contractor

Summary of field activities: A number of field activities were undertaken by Montgomery Watson, the PRP Contractor, and its subcontractors during this reporting period. From November 18, 1996, through November 21, 1996, Phase II wetlands sediment sampling was conducted. On November 21, 1996, HTI excavated the PCB-impacted soils along the PGCS trench alignment. From November 20, 1996, through November 21, 1996, Young's Environmental installed the natural gas line to the treatment building.

Phase II Wetlands Sediment Sampling

The objective of the Phase II wetlands sediment sampling was to further define the impacts from the ACS site. The sampling was conducted in accordance with the November 6, 1996, Pre-Design Work Plan Addendum, Phase II Wetlands Sediment Sampling Plan and August 1995 Pre-Design Activities QAPP, Field Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for sediment sampling and analysis.

Prior to sampling, a field reconnaissance was conducted to identify the orientation of the drainage channel within the wetlands area. This drainage channel runs from near the ACS facility fence (Phase I sediment sampling location SD22) west into the wetlands area to the north-south drainage ditch (Phase I surface water sampling location SW12). Based on the field identification, the drainage channel was not oriented exactly east-west contrary to the assumption stated in the sampling plan. Hence, the sampling grid surrounding Phase I sample location SD33, which was located with reference to this drainage channel, exhibited a skewed rectangular pattern. The sampling grid consisted of 47 sampling locations surrounding SD33. These sampling locations were designated as A1, B1, C1, D1, and so forth beginning at the west end of the grid. An additional sampling location A8-1 was identified between A7 and A9 to ensure a maximum 50 feet distance between adjacent sampling locations. This was necessitated due to the skewed nature of the sampling grid. Four (4) transects comprising 20 sampling locations along the axis of the drainage channel and four (4) sampling locations near the culvert outfall south of the railroad tracks were also identified. All sampling locations were marked in the field with a flagged stake.

A total of 213 sediment samples were collected from 71 sampling locations. At each location, sediment samples were collected from three depth intervals: 0 to 6-inch, 6- to 12-inch, and 12- to 18-inch. Sediment samples were collected by using a hand auger. At locations where hand auger could not be used due to the presence of standing water, a split-spoon sampler was used. A hammer was used to manually drive the split-spoon sampler into the sediments. After retrieval, the sample was transferred directly into three 4-oz glass jars. Based on samples collected, the sediment geology consistently exhibited three separate zones. The two upper zones, varying in thickness from three (3) to five (6) inches, indicated the presence of organic silt material. The lowermost zone indicated the presence of light brown, fine, poorly graded sand.

All samples for first round of analyses for PCBs and mercury were shipped to the IEA laboratory the same day. The remaining samples were taken to the Addison, Illinois, office of Montgomery Watson for potential second round of analyses for PCBs.

Prior to sample collection at each location, decontamination of the sampling equipment was conducted in accordance with the SOP.

Copy of BVSPC field notes and photographs of field sampling activities are attached.

Excavation of PCB-containing soils along the PGCS trench alignment

The results of sediment/soil sampling conducted on October 31, 1996, along the approved PGCS extraction trench alignment indicated that sediments and surficial soils in the vicinity of sample location ACS-PGCS-11 may contain PCBs at concentrations above the action level of 10 ppm. Based on these results, Montgomery Watson developed an Addendum to Spoils Management Plan, November 14, 1996, to excavate and manage PCB-containing soils along the PGCS trench alignment. On November 21, 1996, Horizontal Technologies, Inc. (HTI) initiated and completed the excavation of PCB-containing soils along the PGCS trench alignment.

The excavation activities, conducted in accordance with the November 14, 1996, plan, proceeded with a single pass of a back-hoe. The excavation extended to approximately two (2) feet below ground surface. The length of the excavation was approximately 100 feet, extending from the sample location ACS-PGCS-10 to the edge of the wetlands to the south.

The excavated soils were stockpiled in the cleared area just west of the south end of the PGCS extraction trench. A plastic sheeting was placed underneath and on top of the stockpile. The stockpiled area was secured with a caution tape. BVSPC was informed that approximately one to two feet of clean soil cover will be placed over the top sheeting at a later date, i.e., during the construction of PGCS extraction trench.

Copy of BVSPC field notes and photographs of field activities are attached.

Installation of Natural Gas Line to the Treatment Building

From November 20, 1996, through November 21, 1996, Young's Environmental installed the natural gas line to the treatment building. The installation activities consisted in placing a 4-inch HDPE pipe in a shallow trench, approximately 2 to 2.5 feet deep. All of the excavated materials were used to backfill the trench.

Copy of BVSPC field notes and photographs of field activities are attached.

Problems Encountered/Corrective Actions: At locations where standing water was encountered, several unsuccessful attempts were made to sample the wetlands sediment with a hand auger. Sampling at these locations was successfully conducted with a split-

spoon sampling device. The split-spoon sampling device, however, is not included in the list of sampling devices presented in the August 1995 Pre-Design Activities QAPP, Field SOP for sediment sampling and analysis.

The November 6, 1996, Phase II Wetlands Sampling Plan called for three sets of samples, located 50 feet apart in a triangular pattern, near the culvert outfall south of the railroad tracks. One set of samples was selected immediately adjacent to the culvert outfall; the second set of samples was selected approximately 50 feet downstream of the culvert outfall. Montgomery Watson collected the third set of samples approximately 10 to 15 feet upstream of the culvert outfall. BVSPC, however, did not agree with this deviation from the plan without prior approval of the USEPA. Since a decision could not be reached prior to the conclusion of the sampling event, Montgomery Watson also collected a fourth set of samples approximately 50 feet upstream of the culvert outfall in accordance with the plan. A total of four sets of samples were selected near the culvert outfall

As discussed above, due to the skewed nature of the sampling grid surrounding SD33, the distance between locations A7 and A9 was approximately 140 feet. In order to maintain the maximum 50 feet distance between adjacent sampling locations, two sampling locations, i.e., A8 and A8-1 were selected between A7 and A9. The uppermost sample from location A8-1 was submitted to the laboratory for first round of analyses.

Sample Container requirements presented in the August 1995 Pre-Design Activities QAPP, Field SOP for sediment sampling and analysis indicate that one 8-oz glass jar filled three-fourths be submitted to the laboratory for Pesticides/PCBs analyses and a separate 8-oz glass jar filled three-fourths be submitted to the laboratory for metals analyses. BVSPC observed that only one 4-oz glass jar filled one-half to full was submitted to the laboratory for PCBs and mercury analyses. When BVSPC indicated this deviation from the plan, the field sampling personnel noted that sample volumes collected were sufficient for the intended analyses.

Future Work Schedule: Following activities are planned for the month of December, 1996:

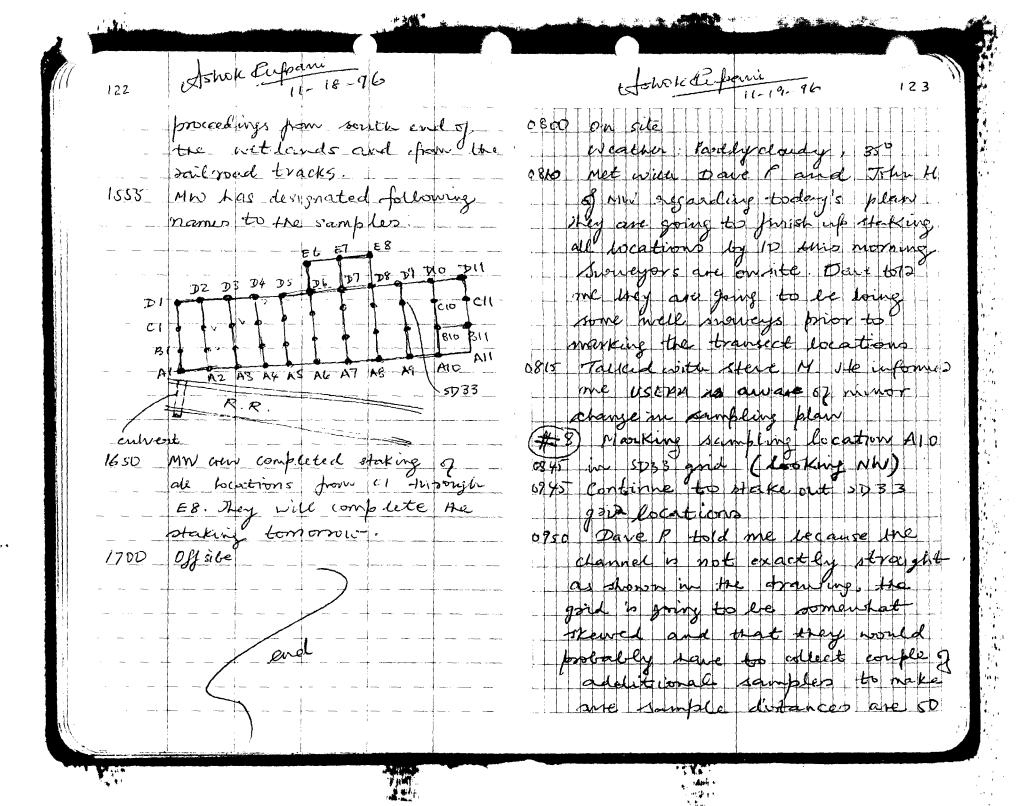
- Construction of PGCS extraction trench;
- Installation of two new well nests within the lower aquifer. One well nest will be installed between existing wells MW-8 and MW-10, and the other well nest will be installed between MW-24 and MW-10.

- Sampling of the four new wells and the four landfill wells. BVSPC will collect split samples on all of these wells;
- Initiation of construction activities related to barrier wall, extraction trenches and effluent discharge system.

Comments: On November 18, 1996, BVSPC observed pumping of the City of Griffith landfill borrow pit in progress. This borrow pit is located at the northwest corner of the landfill. Photographs of this activity are attached.

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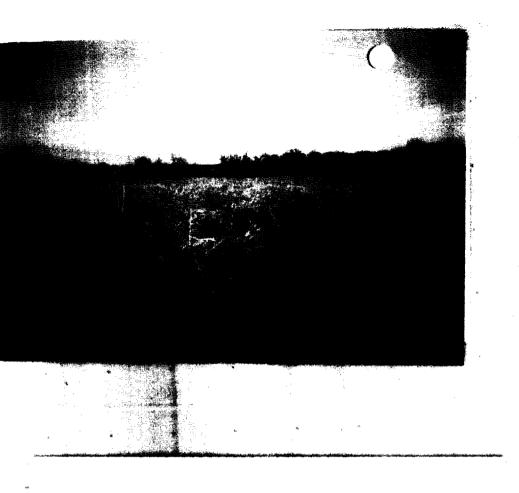
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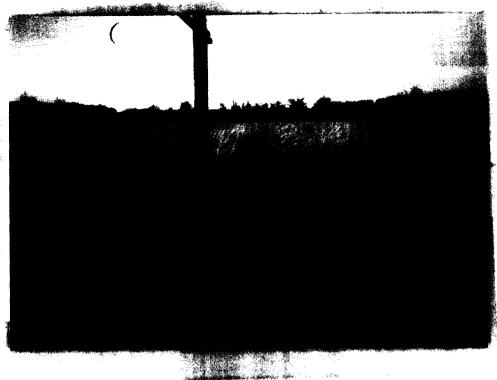
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Photographer: Facing north. Grid sediment sampling location Description:

A2 near the north end of the culvert beneath

the railroad tracks.



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Date: 11-18-96 Photographer:

Time: 1100 Ashok Rupani

Description:

Facing north. Montgomery Watson field personnel clearing sampling locations within the wetlands area

for easier access.



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Photo #: 3 Roll: Time: 1330 Date: 11-18-96

Ashok Rupani Photographer:

Facing west. The drainage ditch running from ACS Description:

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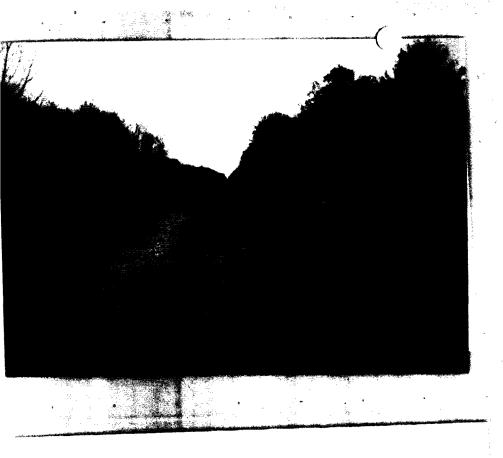
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Photographer: Ashok Rupani Description:

Facing northwest. Marking grid sampling location A10 in

the field.



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Facing east. Surveyors locating Phase I sediment sampling points in order to identify Phase II transect locations. Photographer: Description:



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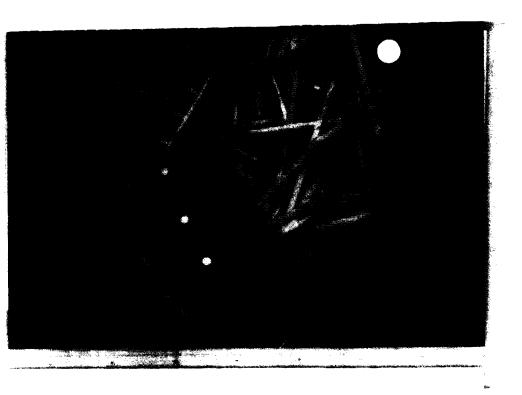
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Ashok Rupani Photographer:

Facing south. Split-spoon sample from grid sampling Description:

location C2.



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Photographer: Ashok Rupani

Description: Facing south. Samples from three depth intervals, i.e., 0

to 6-inch, 6- to 12-inch and 12- to 18-inch, collected from

grid sampling location D3.



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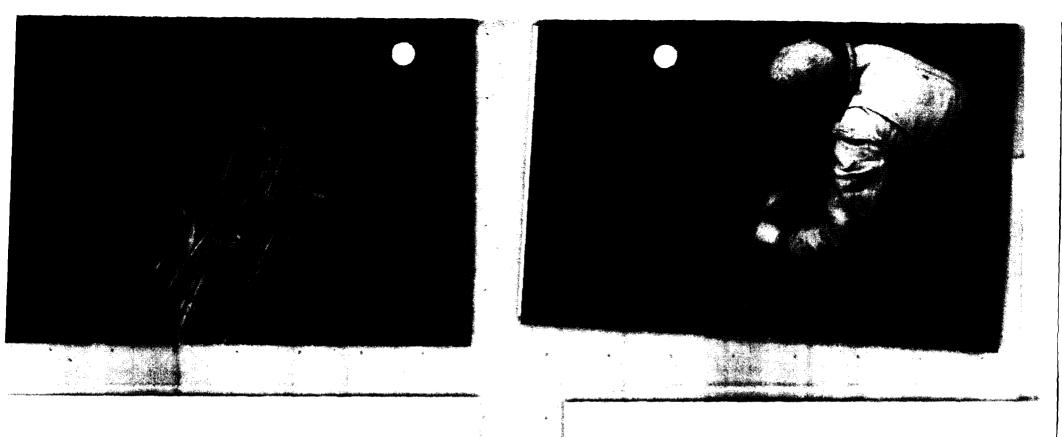
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Ashok Rupani Photographer:

Facing north. Collecting sample at grid sampling location Description:

B5 using split-spoon sampler.



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Photographer: Ashok Rupani

Description: Facing north. Split-spoon sample from grid sampling

location B5.

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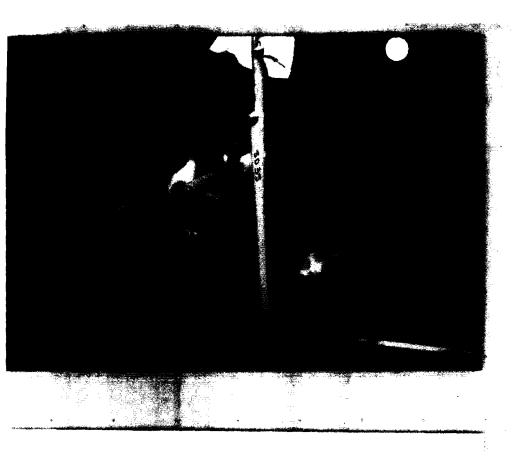
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Description: Facing west. Transferring sample into containers at

transect sampling location T2B.



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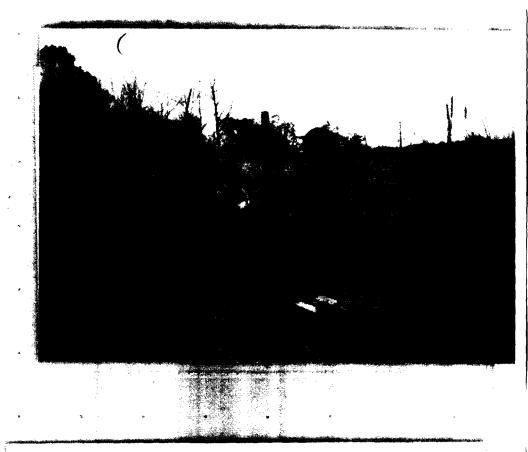
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Photographer: Ashok Rupani

Description: Facing northeast. Transferring sample into containers at

transect sampling location T3C, i.e., Phase I sampling

location SD35.



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Description: Facing southeast. Collecting sample at grid sampling

location D8 using split-spoon sampler.



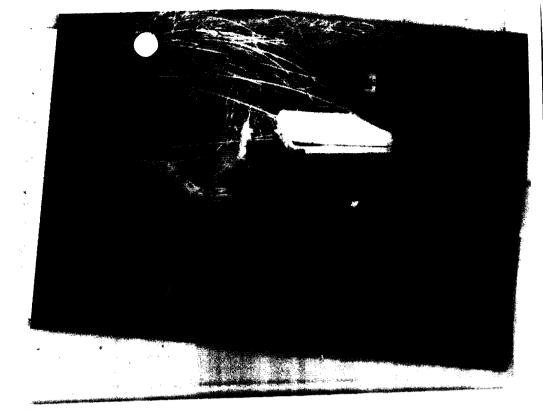
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Ashok Rupani Photographer:

Facing east. Collecting sample at grid sampling location D7 using split-spoon sampler. Description:



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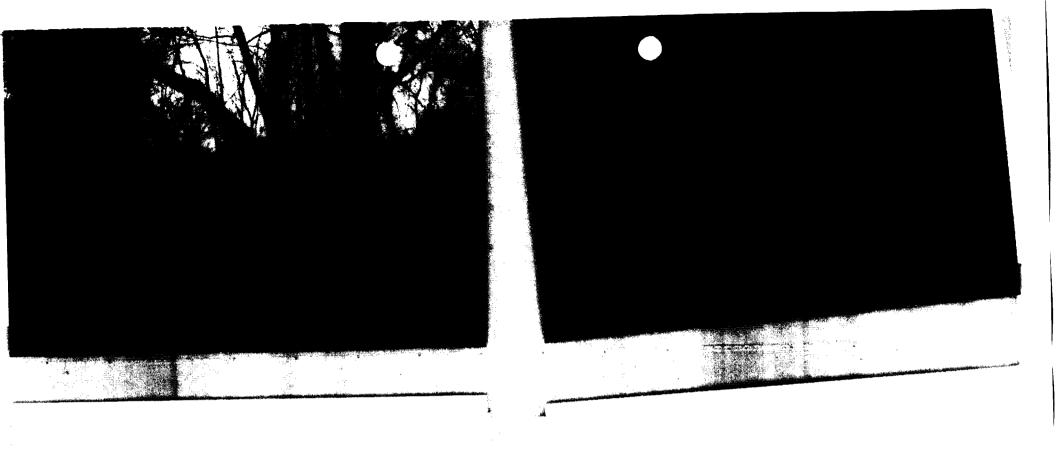
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Facing west. Split-spoon ample from grid sampling



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Time: 1445 Date: 11-20-96

Photographer:

Ashok Rupani Description:

Facing southeast. Collecting split-spoon sample at

location downstream of culvert outfall south of the

railroad tracks.

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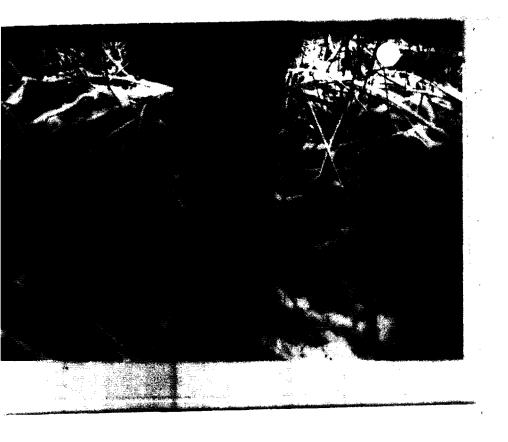
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Photographer:

Facing east-northeast. Split-spoon sample from location upstream of culvert outfall south of the railroad tracks. Description:



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Photo #: 17 Roll: 1 Time: 1010 Date: 11-21-96

Ashok Rupani Photographer:

Facing southwest. Collecting split-spoon sample at grid Description:

sampling location A5.



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Ashok Rupani Photographer:

Facing east. Split-spoon sample from grid sampling Description:

location A6.



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Roll: I Photo #: 19 Date: 11-21-96 Time: 1103

Photographer: Ashok Rupani

Description: Facing east-northeast. Collecting sediment sample at grid

sampling location C11 using a hand auger.



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Roll: 1 Photo #: 20 Date: 11-21-96 Time: 1359

Photographer: Ashok Rupani

Description: Facing west. Collecting split-spoon sample at grid

sampling location E7.



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Photo #: 21 Time: 1020

Date: 11-18-96 Photographer: Description:

Facing north. The PGCS extraction trench area near the

south end of the wetlands area.



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Photo #: 22 Roll: 1 Time: 0830 Date: 11-21-96

Ashok Rupani Photographer:

Facing southwest. North end of the PCB-containing soils Description:

excavation along the PGCS extraction trench alignment.



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Photo #: 23 Roll: 1 Date: 11-21-96 Time: 0840

Photographer: Ashok Rupani

Facing south. Excavating approximately 2 feet of PCB-Description:

containing soils along the PGCS extraction trench

alignment.



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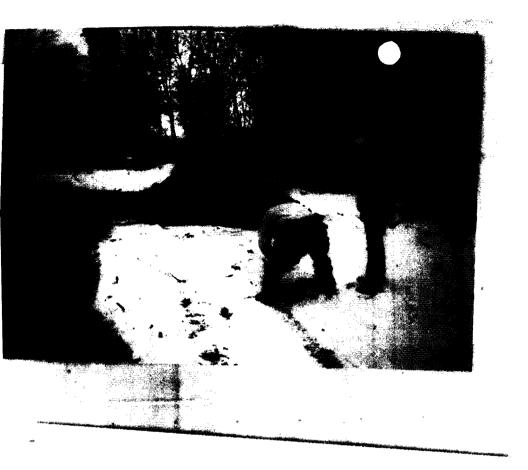
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Ashok Rupani Photographer:

Facing south. PCB-containing soils along the PGCS Description:

extraction trench alignment were excavated and directly placed in the dozer bucket for transport to the stockpile

area.



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Description:

Facing south. Placing additional plastic to stockpile PCBcontaining soils.



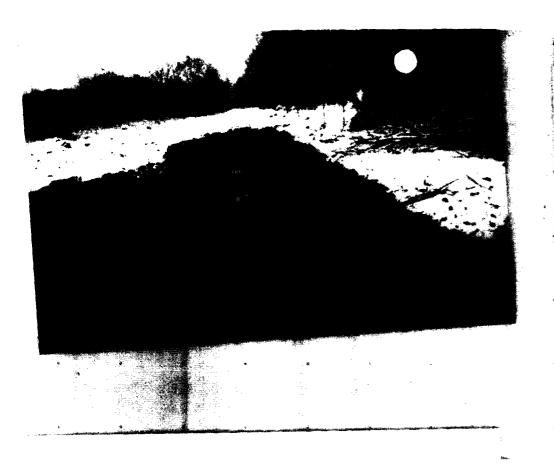
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Ashok Rupani Photographer:

Facing north. Excavation of PCB-containing soils along the PGCS extraction trench alignment completed. Description:



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Date: 11-21-96 Time: 1112

Photographer: Ashok Rupani

Description:

Facing north. After completion, the PCB-containing soils exeavation along the PGCS extraction trench alignment

was temporarily secured with a caution tape.



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Roll: 1 Date: 11-21-96

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Photographer:

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Description:

Facing south. The PCB-containing soils were stockpiled in an area just west of the PGCS extraction trench location. The soils were covered with a plastic. The area

was temporarily secured with a caution tape.



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Photographer: Ashok Rupani

Description: Facing south. Natural gas line to the treatment building

being installed by Young's Environmental.



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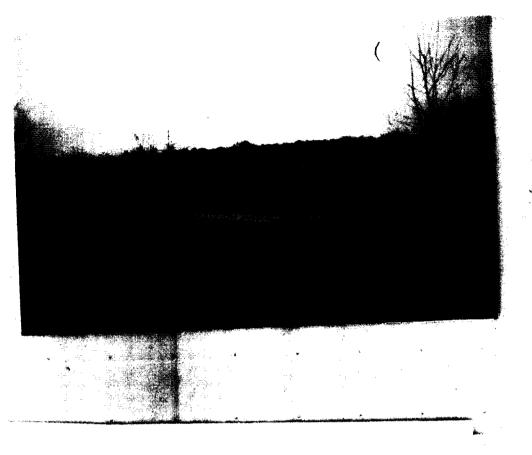
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Facing south. Water in the borrow pit located in the Description:

northwest corner of the Griffith Landfill area is being pumped. The pump is visible in the picture just right of

the sign post.



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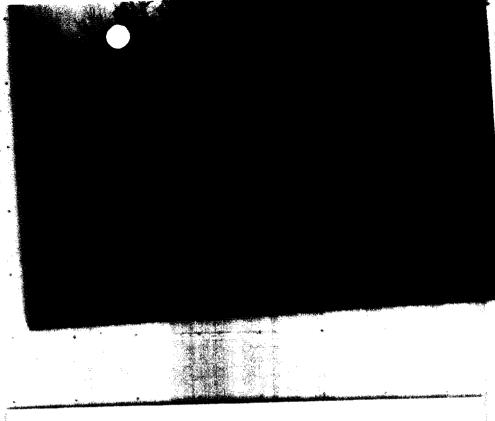
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Photographer: Ashok Rupani

Description:

Facing south. Water in the borrow pit located in the northwest corner of the Griffith Landfill area is being

pumped.



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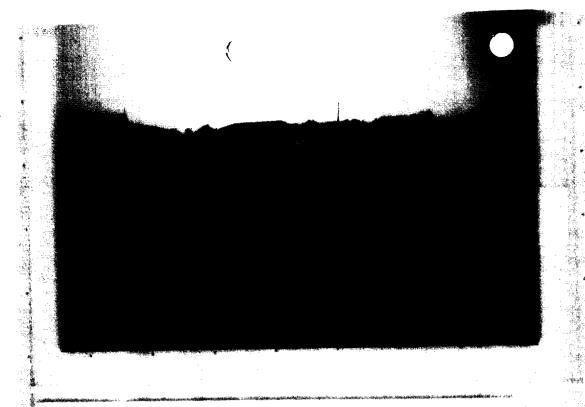
Date: 11-19-96 Time: 1450

Photographer: Ashok Rupani

Description: Facing east. The PCB-containing spoils area located in

accordance with the Spoils Management Plan. The area

shown with yellow stakes.



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Roll: 1 Photo #: 33 Date: 11-19-96 Time: 1452

Photographer: Ashok Rupani

Facing southwest. The PCB and VOC--containing spoils area located in accordance with the Spoils Management Description:

Plan. The area shown with yellow stakes.